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Simply stated, in my opinion, XM Satellite Radio provides the next-step in the on-going advancement of public radio communications. In many ways satellite radio provides superior service to its growing listener audience, I myself among them, than does antenna based radio.

Ever since I began listening to radio, over fifty years ago, two things have been a constant irritant: loss of signal as I traveled and interruption of music programming for commercials; XM Satellite Radio has overcome both these issues. First, "XM" is fully nation-wide, there is no longer any interruption of signal, and second, now that my subscription payment, along with the subscriptions of the growing list of other XM listeners, pays for music programming XM is freed-up from the burden of program interrupting advertisement in order to support its service thru advertiser fees.

Although I feel sorry that traditional antenna-based commercial radio and TV stations have become overly bogged down with mind-numbing, intelligence insulting advertisements in order to pay for their service, still I feel in no way should such broadcast dogma create an impass for new media technology like XM Satellite Radio from being able to present services I and the general public want, need and more and more demand.

XM Satellite Radio represents the most recent expression of our Constitutionally guaranteed right of free speech, in my opinion. And in my opinion there should be no abridgment of such a service.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,
Grady Padgett